

Frequently Asked Questions - Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP)

1. What are the steps for making an interim LGIP amendment?

- Step 1: Council decides to prepare an interim LGIP amendment to the Moreton Bay Regional Council Planning Scheme
- Step 2: Plan, model and prepare the proposed interim LGIP amendment
- Step 3: Consult with relevant State agencies and Unitywater
- Step 4: Notify public and consult with community and stakeholders (minimum 15 business days)
- Step 5: Consider all properly made submissions and decide if any revisions to the proposed interim LGIP amendment are necessary. Advise those that made proper submissions of how their submissions have been dealt with.
- Step 6: Council consider the submissions and may adopt the proposed amendment
- Step 7: Notify State Government and public that the interim LGIP amendment has been adopted. Release the Submissions Report on Council's website.

2. What ensures the LGIP preparation is robust?

The development of the proposed LGIP interim amendment follows the process in the Minister's Guidelines and Rules (2020). This includes completing a mandatory LGIP review checklist that will be provided to the Minister as part of the certified notification package after Council decides to adopt the LGIP interim amendment.

Council's research, modelling and network planning, used to prepare the proposed LGIP interim amendment, is detailed in the extrinsic material reports. These are available for inspection during public consultation and will be available through Council's website until the LGIP is next amended.

Council has also employed an external technical specialist, from the State Government's panel of Appointed Advisors for LGIP preparation, to assist in the process.

3. How is the proposed LGIP different to the 2017 LGIP?

The proposed LGIP interim amendment re-examines the projects previously identified in the 2017 LGIP.

Informed by revised assumptions about growth, modelling and other relevant information, Council's infrastructure planners decide if projects in the 2017 LGIP will be:

- carried over (retained) in the proposed LGIP
- replaced or revised with alternative projects that fulfil the same function
- deferred where the demand for the project is not expected prior to 2036 (i.e. within the LGIP planning horizon)
- removed where the current or future demand for the project no longer exists or if the project has been delivered.

4. How will Council fund the projects in the LGIP?

Council funds trunk infrastructure from several revenue sources including infrastructure charges, rates and sometimes grants.

All Queensland Councils are required to keep and have available for inspection and purchase an infrastructure charges register. Since January 2020, infrastructure charges registers have had to be freely available on council websites. Information in the register includes:

- amount of each charge levied
- how the charge was calculated
- whether an automatic increase provision applies and how increases are calculated
- whether the charge has been paid, and when
- amount of any unpaid charge
- details of any offset or refund given
- if infrastructure is to be provided instead of paying the charge, details of any infrastructure still to be provided
- if the charge was levied as a result of a development approval, the approval reference number and day the approval will lapse
- real property description of the premises to which the charge applies.

For more information about infrastructure charges collected by Council visit:

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Building-Development/Infrastructure-Charges>

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5. What LGIP projects have been delivered in past five years?

Below are the highlights of the infrastructure delivered under the LGIP in the past five years:

- 12 stormwater quality projects that reduced pollutants into the waterways of the region and another 19 projects that improved stormwater drainage and mitigated flooding
- 30 public parks projects across the region including embellishments that now provide a wide range of recreation and sporting opportunities
- 16 road and 20 active transport projects including some significant projects and new links for the region such as the new Brown Street Bridge and sub-arterial link in Caboolture and the four-lane conversion of several sections of Old North Road.

6. What is the relationship between Council's LGIP and Council's capital works program?

The LGIP and capital works budget inform each other but there are several reasons why the LGIP and Council's budget will not align exactly:

- the budget is updated annually and is based on emerging priorities while the LGIP is updated less frequently
- the budget forecast is sometimes done in advance of the infrastructure planning and prioritisation
- the on-costs and contingencies in the budget reflect real-world considerations whilst the LGIP is governed by a framework that has maximum rates and limited inclusions in trunk infrastructure projects
- some projects in the budget may include both trunk and non-trunk components whilst the LGIP can only include trunk components of a project
- Council may, from time-to-time, make changes to the capital works program that will be reflected in subsequent LGIP amendments
- Some infrastructure projects span multiple years and LGIP projects are reported (generally) in five-year time periods.

7. Will all the projects in the LGIP go ahead within the indicated delivery timeframes?

The projects within the LGIP are mostly funded through infrastructure charges and rates. Not every project can be delivered immediately. Council must budget for projects to happen at the right time, when their delivery best responds to demand. Council does this by carefully monitoring development and demand for infrastructure across the region in both new and existing areas.

If Council's assumptions about growth change, then projects may be brought forward, delayed, deferred or replaced with alternative infrastructure that fulfils the same function. Where demand for planned infrastructure no longer exists projects may be cancelled.

8. Will all the projects go ahead in the indicated locations?

The location of some projects within the proposed LGIP interim amendment may indicate potential future land resumptions where Council does not already own the land. However, in some cases design work for the project has not reached a point where specific land requirements can be accurately identified. When the design work reaches a point where potentially impacted properties can be identified, Council will contact the owners of affected properties.

9. Will projects in the LGIP be the only infrastructure projects Council delivers?

No, the LGIP only represents a part of the infrastructure Council delivers each year. Council may decide to deliver other infrastructure projects that are not in the LGIP at any time if there is an identified need for the project and it is feasible to progress it.

10. What about water and wastewater networks and services?

Unitywater is responsible for the water supply and wastewater networks. However, as part of developing the proposed LGIP interim amendment, Unitywater and Council agreed on population growth and employment assumptions, so planning work by both organisations aligns.

Unitywater's network planning is provided in their Netserv Plan and does not form part of the LGIP.

11. How can I find more information?

For more information please visit:

yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/lqip-interim-amendment-1

Alternatively, you can contact the project team by email: mbrc@moretonbay.qld.gov.au or phone: (07) 3205 0555.